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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5831

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INVITATIONS TO PROXIMITY TALKS

REF: USUN 5816

1. AMB. MCHENRY DELIVERED CONTACT GROUP'S INVITATION TO PROXI-
MITY TALKS TO THEO-BEN GURIRAB ON DECEMBER 27. GURIRAB SAID
HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE INVITATION TO NUJOMA WHO (AS NOTED
WARSAW 9405, NOTAL) IS TRAVELLING IN EASTERN EUROPE. IN THE
COURSE OF A LONG CONVERSATION WHICH FOLLOWED GURIRAB WAS
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ANY PROGRESS AND SAID SOME WITHIN SWAPO
AND OTHERS OUTSIDE SWAPO (HE IMPLIED THE SOVIETS) ARUGED
THAT CONTINUED TALKS FACILITATED SOUTH AFRICA'S TWO TRACK
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STRATEGY. SWAPO WAS RESIGNED TO AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT"
WHICH GURIRAB SAW AS DISADVANTAGEOUS IN THE SHORT TERM
BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN CIVIL WAR AND A TEMPORARY SETBACK
FOR SWAPO IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. IN THE LONG-TERM
GURIRAB WAS CONFIDENT THAT SWAPO'S STAND ON PRINCIPLES
WOULD PREVAIL. SWAPO HAD STUDIED THE UPS AND DOWNS OF
LIBERATION STRUGGLES AND WAS DETERMINED TO SEE THE SITUA-

TION THROUGH TO INEVITABLE VICTORY.

2. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF GIVE IN THE SWAPO POSITION ON THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES. MORE THAN IN THE PAST GURIRAB VOICED SUSPICION OF THE MOTIVES OF THE CONTACT GROUP. SWAPO WAS NOT SURE, SAID GURIRAB, THAT THE LATEST CONTACT GROUP PORPOSAL WAS NOT AFTER ALL A SOUTH AFRICAN PROPOSAL, DESIGNED TO LURE SWAPO INTO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN WHICH THE DECK WAS STACKED IN SOUTH AFRICA'S FAVOR AND SWAPO WOULD HAVE NO RECOURSE. AN EFFORT TO GET SWAPO TO CHANGE ITS POSITION, IF ONLY FOR TACTICAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, GOT NOWHERE. IF GURIRAB'S REACTIONS IS ANY INDICATION, IT'LL TAKE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO GET SWAPO TO NEW YORK.

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